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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT SADAT AND FAHMY

REF: STATE 192816

1. SINCE FAHMY IS STILL IN ALEXANDRIA, I MET TODAY WITH HIS CHEF DE CABINET, USAMA AL-BAZ, WHO RETURNS TO ALEXANDRIA LATER TODAY. I GAVE THE POINTS IN REF MESSAGE TO AL-BAZ WITH THE REQUEST THAT HE CONVEY THEM IMMEDIATELY TO FAHMY FOR THE PRESIDENT AND THE MINISTER. AL-BAZ TOOK NOTES AND UNDERTOOK TO DO SO. HE ASSURED ME FAHMY AND THE PRESIDENT WILL HAVE THE INFORMATION LATER TODAY. I ALSO GAVE AL-BAZ THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT ANNOUNCEMENT AND INDICATED WE WILL WELCOME ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS FAHMY MAY HAVE.

2. AN HOUR OR SO LATER AL-BAZ CALLED BACK, SAYING FAHMY WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST SEVERAL CHANGES IN THE DRAFT ANNOUNCEMENT. SPECIFICALLY, WHILE FIRST SENTENCE OF OUR DRAFT AGREEABLE, FAHMY SUGGESTS REMAINING TWO SENTENCES READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. THE DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING WITH THE PARTIES CONCERNED LOOKING TOWARD A FURTHER INTERIM AGREEMENT HAVE PROGRESSED TO THE POINT WHERE THE SECRETARY BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO TRAVEL TO THE AREA IN AN EFFORT TO BRING THE TALKS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. THE

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SECRETARY'S VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST MIGHT INCLUDE

SEVERAL ARAB COUNTRIES, BESIDES ISRAEL. UNQUOTE.

3. ACCORDING TO AL-BAZ, FAHMY BELIEVES THE KIND OF
LANGUAGE HE PROPOSES WILL EASE SYRIAN ACCEPTANCE OF THE
SITUATION. OUR DRAFT LANGUAGE, FAHMY CONTENTS, IS TOO
PRECISE AND POLITICALLY AWKWARD FOR EGYPT IN ARAB AND
ESPECIALLY SYRIAN CONTEXT.
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